

Remarks

Claims 7-9, 11-15, 17, 21, 43-46 and 48-50 were pending. Upon entry of this Amendment, claims 7-8 and 17 would be cancelled. Claims 60-65 would be added. Therefore, claims 9, 11-15, 21, 43-46, 48-50 and 60-65 would be pending.

Applicant thanks the examiner for confirming the allowability of claims 9, 14, 44, 45, 46, and 49, if amended to include the limitations of the base claim. In order to expedite prosecution, if the present amendment is entered:

Claims 7, 8, and 17 would be cancelled without prejudice to prosecution in another application;

Claims 9 and 14 would be amended to be independent claims;

Claims 11-13, 15, 21, 43-46, 48 and 50 would be amended to depend from an allowable claim.

New claims 60- 65 are added, and depend from indicated allowable claim 14. Support for these new claims can be found in claims 11-13, 15, 48, and 50 respectively.

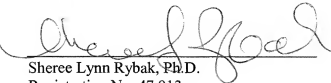
No new matter is added by the amendments or new claims, and no amendments were made to distinguish prior art (but merely to expedite prosecution).

Applicants request entry of this Amendment, as it places the application in condition for immediate allowance. If there are any issues to be resolved before a Notice of Allowance is granted, the examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned.

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